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The following report indicates the location and strength of some of the Soviet and German border guard details observed along the zonal border during the months of July and August 1952. The latest date is the date of observation.

1. Heinersdorf (" 51/J 50) A VP unit of about 40 police. 12 August.
2. Spechtsbrunn (" 51/J 41) A VP unit of about 20 police. 12 August.
3. Judenbach (" 51/J 40) A VP unit of about 25 police. 12 August.
4. Koepfelsdorf (" 51/J 40) on 12 August, [] about 500 to 600 Soviet soldiers have been quartered in a low wooden building in the garden of the porcelain factory and several large tents since 29 July. The units arrived on trucks; sedan [] occupied by officers, mortars and light AT guns were seen with the units.
5. Neuhaus-Schierschnitz (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 40 police. 12 August.
6. Lindenberg (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 25 police. 12 August.
7. Sichelreuth (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 25 police. 12 August.
8. Liebau (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 8 police. 12 August.
9. Gerlsdorf (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 25 police. 12 August.
10. Oberlind (" 51/O 49) A VP unit of 30 police. 12 August.
11. Effelder (" 51/J 30) A VP detail of 40 police. 12 August.
12. Kueckerswind (" 51/O 39) [] on 7 August that a Soviet detail of 50 soldiers has been stationed there since early August. The detail was transported to Almerswind and Moenbach for patrol duty.

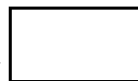
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13. Bockstadt (M 51/J 20) A Soviet unit of company strength, on 15 July. On 5 August, Soviet patrols were trucked to Ummers-
25X1 staedt Billmuthausen, Colberg, Einoed and Holzhausen 25X1
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14. Hildburghausen (M 51/J 10) On 15 July a Soviet Komendatura occupied by 40 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1
[Redacted]
A komendatura of 50 to 60 soldiers was quartered in the Burghof Hotel. [Redacted] The vacated 25X1 buildings on Marienstrasse were still unoccupied. 19 August.
15. Massenhausen (M 51/J 10) A Soviet unit of 40 soldiers and a VP detail of about 25 to 30 police. 5 August.
16. Eishausen (M 51/J 10) A Soviet detail of 70 soldiers, which allegedly was to be transferred. 5 August.
17. Streufdorf (M 51/O 19) A VP unit of about 50 police. 23 July.
18. Holzhausen (M 51/O 19) Occupied by a VP unit of 70 police who performed guard duty in the border sections from Seidingstadt to and including Colberg and were subordinate to a headquarters in Haubinda. The previous billets of this headquarters in Heldburg were still vacant on 22 July.
19. Colberg (M 51/O 19) A Soviet detail of undetermined strength. 22 July.
20. Ummersstadt (M 51/O 18) A VP detail of about 20 police. 19 August.
21. Lindenau (M 51/O 18) A Soviet detail of undetermined strength, which was relieved daily. 22 July.
22. Poppenhausen (M 51/O 18) The construction of a low wooden building 60 meters long for VP personnel was started in early August. On 19 August, the building was still vacant.
23. Hellingen (M 51/O 18) A VP unit of about 40 to 50 police. 19 August.
24. Billmuthausen (M 51/O 18) A Soviet detail of an undetermined strength. 22 July.
25. Heldburg (M 51/O 19) On 19 August, 30 VP members were in the country court and 50 in the forester's house and in tents nearby. On 18 August, 20 recruits in civilian clothing arrived. Commanding officer of the Kommando: VP Kommissar Vunderlich (fnu).
26. Haubinda (M 51/O 09) A VP unit and VP school with a total strength of about 120 police. The school is in the former Internat. 23 July.
27. Rieth-Schweikershausen (M 51/O 08) A VP detail of about 30 police. 19 August.
28. Schlechtsort (M 51/O 09) A VP unit of about 40 police. 23 July.
29. Compertshausen (M 51/O 09) A VP detail of about 30 police was stationed there since early August. 19 August.
30. Milz (M 51/H 90) Allegedly occupied since 5 August by a Soviet company, which engaged in patrol duties. 19 August.
31. Wendehausen (L 52/H 78) On 14 July, [Redacted] a low wooden building 25X1 for VPs was being erected.
32. Hildebrandshausen On 14 July, [Redacted] a low wooden building was 25X1 being erected for the border police.

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33. Geismar (L 52/H 79) On 14 July, occupied by 40 Soviet soldiers and a unit of 60 VP.
34. Rebendorf (L 52/H 69) A VP unit of 80 police. 14 July.
35. Grosstoepfer (L 52/H 69) A VP unit of 40 police. A low wooden building was being erected. 14 July.
36. Pfaffenschwende (L 52/H 69) A Soviet unit of 40 soldiers with a lieutenant was commanding officer. 14 July.
37. Volkerode (L 52/H 69) A VP unit of 80 police and 2 criminal police. 14 July.
38. Neuendorf (L 52/C 72) Reoccupied by a VP unit of 37 police since early July. Half of the personnel was committed to border guard duty for the first time.
39. Ostingersleben (M 53/Y 30) The autobahn police unit of 40 to 50 police previously stationed here was transferred to Boeser, east of Magdeburg, on 1 July. The headquarters of the entire autobahn police under the command of one Watzeck (fnu) was in Moeser. 8 July.
40. Morsleben (M 53/Y 20) A Soviet tent camp occupied by about 40 soldiers, about 500 meters south of the center of the town. 8 August.
41. Beendorf (M 53/Y 21) VP Grenzkommando 3/IV with an Oberkommissar and about 65 police. About 500 meters north-northwest of Beendorf, a Soviet tent camp, occupied by 60 to 80 infantry soldiers. 20 August.
42. Schwanfeld (M 53/Y 21) A VP Grenzkommando with a VP Kommissar and 33 police, and a Soviet tent camp in the woods, occupied by 80 to 100 soldiers, allegedly infantry soldiers from Hillersleben. 20 August.
43. Walbeck (M 53/Y 21) A Soviet tent camp in the woods west of Walbeck. 8 August.
44. Weferlingen (M 53/Y 21) A Soviet unit of about 120 soldiers with red-service color. 8 July.
45. Doehren (M 53/Y 22) A VP Kommando of about 35 police. 8 July.
46. Seggerde (M 53/Y 22) A Soviet detail of about 60 soldiers with crimson service color, and a VP Kommando of about 45 police, on 8 July.
47. Everingen (M 53/Y 22) A Soviet detail of about 45 soldiers with crimson service color, and a VP Kommando of about 40 police. 8 July.
48. Juebar (M 53/Y 15) A Soviet border guard detail quartered in a low wooden building with a watchtower, and a VP border komendatura. 26 August.
49. Hanum (M 53/Y 15) A VP border guard detail, which was reinforced by 5 candidates who arrived in mid-August. 26 August.
50. Haselhorst (M 53/Y 06) A VP border guard detail of 40 police under the command of Unterkommissar Lehmann (fnu). 26 August.
51. Diesdorf (M 53/Y 16) A VPD with a criminal police section, totaling about 50 police. 26 August.
52. Dahrendorf (M 53/Y 17) A Soviet komendatura and a VP border komendatura, previously stationed in Dachau, and under the command of Polizeirat Bode (fnu). The VP details in Rehdigau, Schmoelau, Lagendorf and Henningen are subordinate to this komendatura. 26 August.

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53. Jabel (M 53/Y 38)

Eight mounted VPs. 26 August.

54. Lenzen (M 54/T 40)

The Soviet detail of about 60 soldiers previously stationed here is now quartered in a tent camp on Rudower See (lake). Truck [] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen. 23 July. *

55. Palingen (M 54/T 08)

The Soviet detail previously stationed here departed with billeting equipment in the direction of Herrsburg on 27 May. 18 August.

56. Schoenberg (M 54/T 18)

A Soviet detail of undetermined strength. 18 August.

57. Herrsburg (M 54/S 98)

In mid-August, the place was occupied by about 200 VP personnel and about 90 Soviet soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. Trucks [] were seen taking patrols to the area of Palingen-Lauen-Selmsdorf. *

58. Lauen (M 54/T 09)

A Soviet detail of about 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets which left the place on 27 May for an undetermined destination. 4 August.

59. Tannenkrug (M 54/T 09)

A VP unit of about 50 police. 18 August.

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* [] Comment. The information contained in the present report indicates only a few changes in the occupation of the zonal border area by VP units and Soviet personnel. The average strength of the Grenzkommandos seems to have increased from 35 police to 40 to 50 police in August.

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** [] in Bockstadt and Hildburghausen belong to the Eighth Gds Army, and those observed in Herrsburg and Lenzen, to the Third Shock Army. It is fairly definitely believed that, as previously, elements of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt are stationed in the Meiningen area, and the 286th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt is stationed in the Luebeck area along the zonal border.

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